

**Testimony from Elizabeth Abbe, 44 Knollwood Drive Glastonbury, CT**

**In SUPPORT OF HB 5170 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TETHERING AND  
SHELTERING OF DOGS**

**Honorable Members of the Planning and Development Committee**

I strongly urge the Committee to pass this bill to protect dogs from extreme weather conditions before they show visible signs of suffering and distress.

It will give Animal Control Officers clear direction and tools to help before the situation is life threatening.

I volunteer for an organization that distributes pet food and supplies to Hartford people who have dogs but not the means to feed them. In the course of this work I am aware of those who leave their dogs tied out in extreme weather conditions. We try our best to educate these individual on animal care. This bill would be one step further.